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THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME: DESIGNING AND BUILDING CANADA'S FUTURE

On November 7, the RAIC along with the Building Owners and Managers Association of Canada (BOMA), the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada (ACEC) and the Canadian Construction Association (CCA), hosted a reception on Parliament Hill designed to educate Members of Parliament about the contribution of the design and construction industries to Canada's quality of life.

RAIC President Diarmuid Nash, FRAIC, had the opportunity to address the crowd made up of 40 Members of Parliament including the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services.

Attendees had the opportunity to visit booths showcasing various aspects of the industry as well as participating in a building demonstration and to examine projects completed by students of Carleton University's School of Architecture.

THE RAIC EXECUTIVE MEETS WITH THE HONOURABLE ALFONSO GAGLIANO, MINISTER PWGSC

A prelude to the November 7 event, *The Shape of Things to Come: Designing and Building Canada's Future*, was a meeting between the RAIC Executive and the Honourable Alfonso Gagliano, Minister of Public Works and Government Services (PWGSC), to discuss issues affecting the architectural profession.

The RAIC delegates showed their concern over the current state of the construction industry in Canada and urged the federal government, and the PWGSC in particular, to advance all building projects as quickly as possible in order to take full advantage of this competitive environment and to help the industry weather the recession and sustain employment.

In addition, Diarmuid Nash, representing the RAIC, emphasized the importance of establishing a comprehensive, national architectural policy similar to many European countries.

Finally, the RAIC asked the Minister to renew its offer to assist the RAIC in developing a proposal for a new National Architectural Centre to be established in Ottawa.

SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF THE CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM WITH SDCB 101

The first session of the "Sustainable Design for Canadian Buildings" series has been presented in four major cities across Canada (Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto and Moncton). Another session is scheduled to take place in Montréal on December 7. So far, over 600 architects and other professionals interested in sustainable design have participated in these sessions and have earned continuing education credits. Comments received from participants have been extremely positive. New offerings in this series should be available in the spring and fall of 2002. For more information on the continuing education program, please contact the Coordinator of Continuing Education, Isabelle Bossé at ibosse@raic.org

DESIGN-BUILD PRINCIPLES

The Joint Industry-Government of Canada Task Force on Design-Build released a joint statement that sets out the principles for the proper selection of a design-builder. The principles were developed unanimously by the nine organizations and federal government departments that make up the Government / Industry Task Force on Design Build. These organizations include the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, the Association of Consulting Engineers of Canada, the Canadian Construction Association, the Canadian Design-Build Institute, Construction Specifications Canada, Defence Construction Canada, Department of National Defence, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and Public Works and Government Services Canada.

The joint statement covers such areas as the selection process, remuneration, intellectual property, request for proposal documents, and the need to use standard contracts. A list of the principles is available on the RAIC Web site at www.raic.org

2002 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

The RAIC will soon begin its 2002 membership drive. Due to the increase costs associated with offering high-quality programs to our members, the RAIC Board of Directors recently agreed to a slight increase of \$30 for membership renewal dues, bringing them to \$250 a year for Full Members (this does not include Retired Members, Graduates or International Associates). Renewal notices will go out in late December. All membership renewals must be received at the RAIC National Office by March 31, 2002.

At this time, the membership team would like to thank the RAIC members for their support during this initial year of implementing new membership management software and apologizes for any inconvenience the new software may have caused. For more information on RAIC membership services, please contact Denise Charron, Membership Administrator at dcharron@raic.org

THE 2002 FESTIVAL IN WINNIPEG – GLOBAL CITY; URBAN WORLD

The RAIC Festival of Architecture 2002 taking place in Winnipeg, June 6-8 2002, will provide an ideal opportunity to discuss alternative ways of living and city-making which, in some instances, challenge traditional North American models. In addition to continuing education sessions on Thursday and Friday, a panel of distinguished Canadian and international architects will address the theme of Global City; Urban World on Friday afternoon, June 7. Renowned architect Charles Correa of India will present a keynote address Friday evening. Don't miss this opportunity to obtain continuing education credits and participate with your colleagues in this exciting national event. Full details on registration and accommodation will be available on the RAIC Web site in January.

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S MEDALS IN ARCHITECTURE DEADLINE APPROACHING

The RAIC and the Canada Council for the Arts invite you to participate in the competition for the 2002 Governor General's Medals in Architecture. This biennial competition fulfills a critical role in recognizing and promoting excellence in the built environment. All submissions must be received at the RAIC National Office in Ottawa by November 30 at 5 p.m. E.S.T.

AGA KHAN AWARD FOR ARCHITECTS

Based on the decisions of an independent Master Jury, the Aga Khan Award for Architecture, the world's largest architectural prize, worth a total of \$500,000 were awarded to the following nine outstanding projects in its 2001 cycle: New Life for Old Structures (various locations, Iran); Ait Iktel (Abadou, Morocco), Barefoot Architects (Tilonia, India); Kahere Elia Poultry Farming School (Koliagbe, Guinea); Nubian Museum (Aswan, Egypt); SOS Children's Village (Aqaba, Jordan); Olbia Social Centre (Antalya, Turkey); Bagh-e-Ferdowsi (Tehran, Iran) and Datai Hotel (Pulau Langkawi, Malaysia). For only the third time ever, the Aga Khan presented the Chairman's Award of \$US100,000 to the Sri Lankan architect Geoffrey Bawa in recognition of his lifetime contribution to the field of architecture.

One last thing...

"We live in countries of great cultural heritage, countries that wear their past as easily as a woman drapes her sari. But in understanding and using this past, let us never forget the actual living conditions of many of the people of Asia and their desperate struggle to shape a better future. At its most vital, architecture is an agent of change; to invent tomorrow: that is the finest function."

- Charles Correa, Architect